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The Hon. Tonianne J. Bongiovanni
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
Clarkson S. Fisher Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse
402 E. State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Re: *Deborah A. Blakely v. Transamerica Occidental Insurance Company et al.*
Civil Action No. 08-2689

Your Honor:

We represent defendant Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company ("Transamerica") in the above-referenced case and are writing with the consent of all parties to request an adjournment of the August 5, 2008 scheduling conference in this litigation. The reason for the adjournment request is that the parties will be attempting to settle this matter at the July 25th confidential mediation session scheduled with the Court. With the existing August 5th scheduling conference date, the parties will have to comply with their obligations under Rule 26.1 to meet and confer by July 16th and to file a discovery plan by July 28th. The parties requested the settlement discussions and if the matter settles on July 25th, there will be no need for the discovery plan, meet and confer sessions or the August 5th scheduling conference. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Court adjourn the August 5th scheduling conference for several weeks so that the obligations to meet and confer on a discovery plan pursuant to Rule 26.1 do not arise until after the July 25th confidential settlement conference.

The conference is adjourned without date.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Andrea A. Lipuma

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The parties shall update this Court no later than July 28, 2008 as to the status of settlement.

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c: Howard Mankoff, Esq.

Gregory A. Lomax,

ORDER ON ORAL MOTION

So Ordered this 10th day

of July, 2008

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